

**AODA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
JULY 15, 2008  
MINUTES**

**Present:** Dennis Williams, Harlow Bieleldt, Bill Hinsenkamp, Mike O'Brien, Susan Andrews, Rose Barton, Susie Austin, Dick Manke.

**Introduction of Members and Guests.**

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the June 17, 2008 meeting were approved as read.

**Presentation**

Betty Groenwald and Pat Faherty presented on the organization S.O.P.H.I.A. It started in the spring of 2004 and is part of a statewide organization called Wisdom. S.O.P.H.I.A stands for Stewards Of Prophetic Hopeful Intentional Action. The members of S.O.P.H.I.A work with community and political issues in Waukesha County and at the state level.

Discussion followed. It was also announced that on October 27, 2008 there will be a public hearing to celebrate what S.O.P.H.I.A is doing in the community. Location yet to be determined.

Dick Manke discussed that the budget for Waukesha County Justice is bigger than the budget for Waukesha County Human Services. This generated further discussion.

**Citizen Member Report**

There are three open meetings of the Human Services Board. July 23, 2008 at Waukesha State Bank, July 28, 2008 at the Waukesha County Court House and August 5, 2008 at the Village of Menomonee Falls Public Library.

**New Business**

Reminder, there is no meeting for this group in August. At the September meeting we will bring up voting for chair and co-chair positions. Dick Manke wants to write a letter to the County Executive and the Human Services Board Committee to recommend continued funding for the Jail Transition Program and to restore the "frozen" AODA position for the Day Reporting Center. Harlow discussed that he is concerned that we are moving away from the goal of the Advisory Committee. He recommended a letter to the Human Services Board and to copy the County Executive. Harlow will write the letter and ask for input from Mike DeMares.

Rose Barton recommends inviting a staff person from James Place to speak about their services.

**County AODA Liaison Report**

Susan was asked to attend a training to look at decreasing the counties no show rate. It is a six month project to improve access to services.

It was mentioned at the end of the meeting that 48 people have graduated from the Alcohol Court so far. Five more are scheduled to graduate soon.

Also please be aware that the AODA Volunteers are having the AODA Picnic on August 16, 2008 at Minnoka Park.

**Adjournment**

Harlow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Susie Austin. The motion was voted on and passed.

Recorded by Dawn Cagney

Minutes approved on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date